

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held February 10, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

"At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, three male inmates, assigned to work at the laundry facility with Immigration and Naturalization Service holds, escaped from the Peter Pitchess Detention Facility. They were subsequently captured by the California Highway Patrol with the assistance of an informant who spotted the inmates."

Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Antonovich and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Sheriff was requested to report back to the Board within three weeks on the circumstances of the escape by three inmates, with Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) holds, who were assigned to work at the laundry facility at the Pitchess Detention Facility and to include how the inmates escaped, who the responsible parties were, and what policies will be implemented to prevent future escapes, including a possible change in the selection criteria of inmate workers that would prohibit inmates with INS holds to qualify as workers.

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